

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (previously presented) A process for preparing a high density calcium carbonate granulation comprising the steps of: (1) mixing a composition comprising calcium carbonate powder having a median particle diameter between about 0.1 and about 20 μm in a high shear mixer; and (2) drying the composition in a fluidized bed oven, thereby resulting in a calcium carbonate granulation having a tap density between about 0.9 g/cm^3 and about 2.0 g/cm^3 .

24. (previously presented) The process according to claim 23 wherein said calcium carbonate powder has a median particle diameter between about 1 and about 15 μm .

25. (previously presented) The process according to claim 24 wherein said calcium carbonate powder has a median particle diameter between about 10 and about 12 μm .

26. (cancelled)

27. (previously presented) The process of claim 23 wherein said fluidized bed oven is a horizontal fluidized bed oven.

28-29. (cancelled)